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Exclusion of the Housing Allowance for Military Households in Privatized Housing
- Reauthorization 2004

State Directors
Child Nutrition Programs

This is the Midwest Office Transmission of a July 1, 2004 memorandum that you received directly from Stanley Garnett, Director, Child Nutrition Division. Our office also e-mailed Mr. Garnett's memorandum to you on July 7, 2004. The memorandum explained that in accordance with the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, the housing allowance for military personnel living in privatized housing will be permanently excluded from income when determining household eligibility for free and reduced price meals or free milk in all of the child nutrition programs. The provision is effective July 1, 2004.

"Privatized housing" refers to the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, a program operating at a number of military installations. This initiative puts the operation of military owned housing under private contractors. Under this privatization initiative, a housing allowance appears on the leave and earnings statement of service members living in privatized housing. It is important to note that this income exclusion is *only* for service members living in housing covered under the Military Housing Privatization Initiative. It is not an allowable exclusion for households living off-base in the general commercial/private real estate market.

Additional information about the DOD's Military Housing Initiative, including a list of affected installations, may be accessed at: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/housing>.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

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